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SUBJECT: BRAZIL SUPPORTS US POSITION IN WTO GEOGRAPHICAL  
INDICATIONS DEBATE

REF: SECSTATE 165908

[1](#)1. SENSITIVE BUT UNCLASSIFIED, PLEASE PROTECT ACCORDINGLY

[1](#)2. (SBU) On September 9, Econoff delivered reftel points on the EU's GI proposal in the TRIPS Council to Otavio Brandelli, IPR Division Chief in Brazil's Foreign Ministry. In a September 14 follow-up discussion, Brandelli said the GoB agrees entirely with the US points and that instructions would be sent to Brazil's delegation in Geneva to make similar points during the WTO Special Session on Geographical Indications on September 16.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Brandelli cautioned, however, that this coincidence of positions should not be misinterpreted as a sign that Brazil is joining the "anti-GI" group in the Council, as Brazil prefers to remain "independent."  
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